Scheme for Liberation of Scavengers

2940. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to take steps for the liberation of scavengers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the states where scavengers have not yet been liberated;

(d) the date by which this system would be abolished; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b), (c) and (e). A Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Liberation of Scavengers has been in operation since 1980-81. 40 towns have been made scavenging free so far. The rehabilitation of scavengers is receiving special emphasis.

(d) It has been decided to aoiish the practice of scavenging i.e. manually carrying of night soil during next five years.

Repairing Of Telephones In India.

2941. SHRi GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether repairing of telephones and telephone lines becoming out of order or dead are still very late in the capital particularly under the Chanakya Puri Exchange;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the phones numbers like 198, 180 and 181.are not being attended to by the staff promptly;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken by he Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINSTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU):

(a) No, Sir. repair of telephones is normally carried out expeditiously in Delhi. As at present, on an average 85 percent of the reported faults in Delhi are being cleared by the following day. For Chankyapuri Exchange, the percentage of fault clearance on the following day is around 90 percent. Faults due to cable break-downs and cable thefts, however,take little longer.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). No, Sir. Attention on these number is generally prompt. However, at times, when the staff absenteeism is high due to disruption in local transport system etc., the reponse on these services gets affected.

(e) Fault Repair Service(198) Is being progressively computerised to improve the same. As regfards 180 and 181, the fully computerised digital trunk manual exchanfge is planned for the 8th plan for bringing about further inprovement in trunk manual services.

Telephone Connectlens In Kerala

2942. SHRI KODiKKUNNIL SURESH: Will the Minister of COMMUNIICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons on the waitiing list for telephone connections in Kerala, district-wise;

(b) the number of telephone connections released since 1st December, 1990; district-wise; and

(c) the time by which telephone connections are likely to be provided to all persons on the waiting list?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI

P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b). Waiting list and number of connections released since 1st December, 1990 district-wise is given in Annexure.

(c) As per draft 8th plan proposals expansion programmes are being drawn with an objective to:-

- Provide telephone practically on demand in rural and tribal areas.

- Waiting period for telephone connections not to exceed two years in larg telephone systems.

Accordingly, telephone connections to persons in waiting list will be provided progressively during Eighth Plan period.

STATEMENT

Waiting list for Telephone connections in Kerala State as on 30th September, 1991 & Number of connections released since 1st December, 1990.

Name of District of Kerala State	*Waiting list*	*New Telephone connections provided since 1st December, 1990*
Trivandrum	22129	5027
Quilon	12124	2640
Pathanamtitta	9298	2150
Alleppey	10997	1312
Kottayam	20345	2696
Idukki	5276	1057
Ernakulam	30396	6274
Trichur	21025	2297
Palghat	7872	1265
Malapuram	14372	1354
Calicut	17142	2697
Wynad	3336	321
Cannanore	16562	1132
Kasaragod	9271	1252

Expansion Modernisatio and Provision of STD Facility in Kerala

2943. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to expand and modernise the telephone exchanges in Kerala with STD facility particularly the Adoor telephone exchange;

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise?